

Park Board Minutes
Tuesday September 27, 2011

Members present: Mart Hughes, Sherri Dow, JoAnn Herrigel, Bob Cooper
Lisa Gunion-Rinker

Members absent: Mike Pinker, Ray Harris, Christie Schaeffer, Councilor Mike Miller

Minutes: August minutes approved 4-0

Herrigel introduced a newly appointed Board member, Lisa Gunion-Rinker

City Updates

- District Master Plan Discussion with M Healy
Herrigel said she had met with Michelle Healy from NCPRD and Healy had noted that the process and schedule for the Master Plan revision had not yet been set.
- Haeger Properties
Herrigel shared aerial photos of the Haeger properties. The group discussed what, if anything, the City would do with the properties if they were to become available.
Questions:
 - Is property historic?
 - Why not get someone from the Historic society (museum?) involved?
 - Could we get info on the water wheel?
 - Does Title 13 apply to Haeger's pond? What are the "setbacks"?
 - Could a conservation easement be placed on this area?It was suggested that Brett Kelter come to one of our next meetings to give us an update on Title 13 and how it applies to waterways and adjacent properties.
- Spring Park delineation/management plan
Herrigel noted that NCPRD had completed a wetlands delineation of Spring Park and had drafted a management plan for the natural area in the park. She said she planned to meet with Lisa Batey (from Island Station NDA) and Tonia Burn, from NCPRD, to discuss next steps.
- Utility Charges/IGA modification
The City has completed discussions with NCPRD regarding utility billing for the City's parks and billing has begun. Staff plans to formalize the billing issue by amending the IGA between the City and NCPRD.

New Issues

Geocaching policy

City code already prohibits digging in and removal of plants from parks in the City. Herrigel said she would share this info with the Hector Campbell NDA. The group suggested that this restriction be shared with the geocaching groups in the area. Also suggested going to "Geocaching.com". Art Hendrix was noted as the contact for Portland's geocaching rules.

March 2012 Local Share Deadline

The IGA regarding local share funds allocated to the City by Metro will expire in March of 2012. The City will need to either spend the remaining 76K we have, return it to Metro, or extend the IGA and identify a specific use for the funds. The funds are currently earmarked for acquisition of a property south of Lake Rd. The group agreed that if no property in this area could be located that the funds should be shifted to another use. Herrigel said she would meet with Lake Rd to discuss potential properties.

City process for parks priority setting

The group discussed how best to begin a discussion of City parks priorities. It was suggested that staff do a summary for the group showing existing facilities and describing their status. It was also suggested that Brett Kelter attend a future meeting to describe the new Natural Resource Overlay code and how the rules affect development in natural areas.

Kellogg Lake Ped/Bike bridge

The group voted, 4-0 to authorize Herrigel to draft a letter of support for a grant the City might submit to ODOT to construct a ped/bike bridge under the proposed Kellogg Light Rail Bridge.

Other

Bob Cooper reported that he had visited Water Tower Park and he had noticed that the tarp underlying the play structure was sticking out (trip hazard) and a fence post was sticking out.

Update on District Advisory Board

None. Councilor Miller absent and no District staff present.